



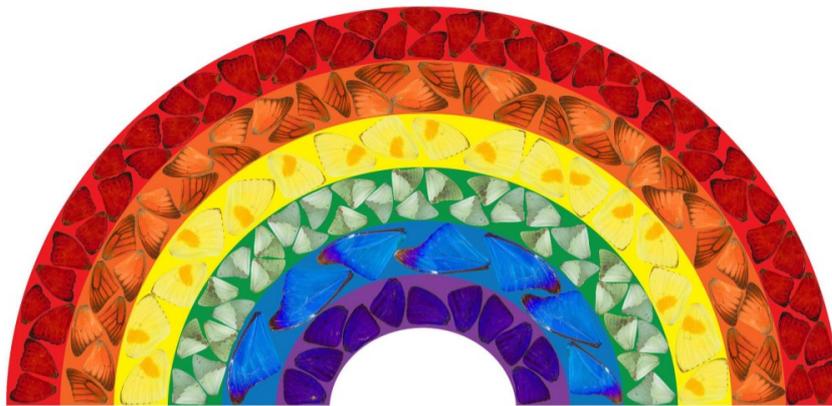
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Dear Parents/Carers,

This isn't really news, in the way we think of it these days, but I hope it may be encouragement, as we head towards more time when it seems so little is changing, especially regarding school.

This reflection was sent to me by Brentwood Catholic Diocese and I thought I would share it. Do take your time to read it and take it in if you can. School news comes after! Don't rush to it!



Jesus said to his disciples:
**'Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give,
this is my gift to you.'**

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know
that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.
I shall not talk with you any longer,
because the prince of this world is on his way.
He has no power over me,
but the world must be brought to know
that I love the Father
and that I am doing exactly what the Father told me.'

**Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine**

Reflection on the Work of Art

We have to realise that the words spoken by Jesus in today's reading was just hours before He was going to be crucified... and here He is being concerned with the joy, peace and wellbeing of His followers. Think of it. He is on the cusp of being tortured and dying a horrible death, and He speaks the words: *'Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you'*... He wants us to have genuine peace; He wants us to have genuine joy; He wants us to have an unshakable faith.

When we think of a symbol for peace, the rainbow comes to mind. This rainbow has biblical origins: Genesis 9: 12-16. In that scriptural passage God brought about the Great Flood, from which only Noah and his family were saved by entering the ark. The rainbow is a sign that despite the fact that mankind is sinning and may deserve another deluge, God remembers His promise and doesn't. This combined with the fact we can only see a rainbow in the sky once the rain eases off or stops altogether. Thus, the rainbow is a sign that any rain will eventually stop and there will be hope and brighter days ahead. Also, a rainbow is formed due to the combination of both fire (light) and water.

Thus, the rainbow symbolises peace and harmony...

Anyway, the rainbow we are looking at today, is by Damien Hirst, which he made in this last month, to show support for the NHS (the UK health care service) in the current Coronavirus crisis. The work, titled Butterfly Rainbow, is made up of bands of coloured butterfly wings, one of the artist's signature motifs.

Damien Hirst said: *"I wanted to do something to pay tribute to the wonderful work NHS staff are doing in hospitals around the country. The rainbow is a sign of hope and I think it is brilliant that parents and children are creating their own version and putting them up in the windows of their homes."*

So here's the school news:

Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 ...

Next week is a big week – when we welcome back children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. All the details were on last week's newsletter and these are on the website – so please re-read to get all the details right. I just want to say how much we are looking forward to seeing more of your children in school, and that if you are worried about greater exposure for your children and family, this is entirely understandable. This is why we are doing this outside, and the social distancing will be kept to and encouraged – but not in a way which is frightening or upsetting – with a smile and with gentleness. This approach has worked completely for all the children we have had returning so far.

If you haven't yet emailed your class teacher to let them know your child is attending these sessions, ***please do so now!*** – and it's really important you ***let the school office know by telephone or email if your plans change so that we do not chase you for non-attending children.*** Thank you.

Also just for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 ...

Your children's work and learning is very much led remotely still – and will be until the end of term. We are going to **stop** doing the Friday Class celebration newsletters, and **instead** your children's teachers will spend some time giving your children some learning-focused feedback on a piece of writing each week if you would like this and send it in. If it's impossible to do, don't stress...

You can get this writing in any way you like, by emailing a text document, photographing one, scanning, or sending it in an envelope....but I would like to stress again that we really understand that motivation is so hard after such a long time away from school, and you must put the emotional needs of your families first.

Don't juggle too much.

Your teachers have loved seeing extra things your children have done, but if it's possible to send it all together in one email each week, that would be perfect.

Thank you.

Finally, for Years 2,3,4 and 5 ...

Zoom sessions each week will not be continuing, as the sessions in school will be taking their place. It may be that some teachers may continue with them, but please do not expect them - thank you.

For Years FS, 1 and 6

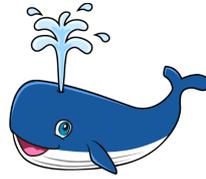
Your teachers are all booked up and busy! – so please now limit your emails to essential ones. I am afraid they just haven't got the time to respond to things being sent in as well as teach and do the multitude of other things that the end of a school year entails. Thank you.

Thank you all, we are overwhelmed by the support we receive from you, and we wish you every strength and peace of heart and mind, as you continue through this time.

With best wishes,
Greg Waters

P.S. When the Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 children come to the sessions, they need to **bring appropriate named medication**, if they would normally have that in school, thank you.

Here's a few things that have been going on in school this week....



And at home this week....



Chloe from 3MF has been practising her cycling skills.



Matilda from 5B has baked Lava Cookies from a recipe in First News.





3RG

Jasmin has been exploring the power of the wind and the force of the Holy Spirit. What a joyful photo!

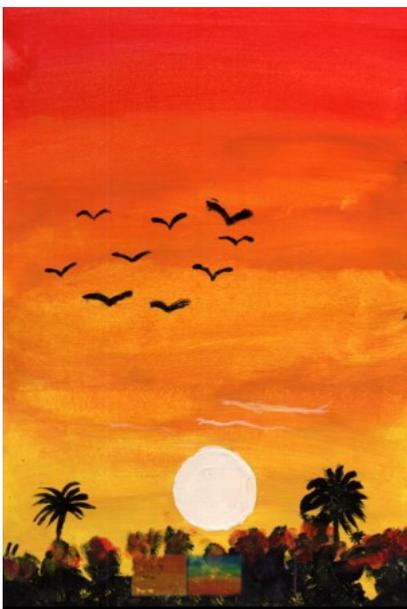
While Jack has found a new interest in growing plants. He has been learning a lot about cacti!



The children in 1CD have been out and about on a tree hunt this week.



Jordyne in 4SHW has produced these amazing paintings.



The children in 2C have been busy making aquariums and learning interesting facts about sea creatures as part of our new topic on 'My Planet Needs Me'.



This one was made by Coby...



...and this one by Seb.



Lily's ocean.



Charlotte's aquarium.



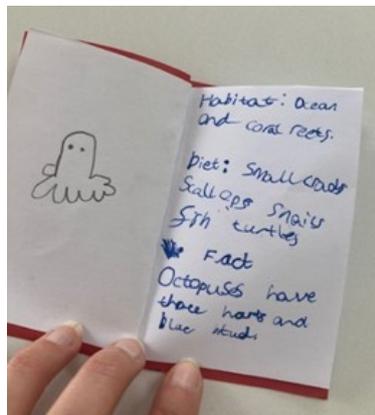
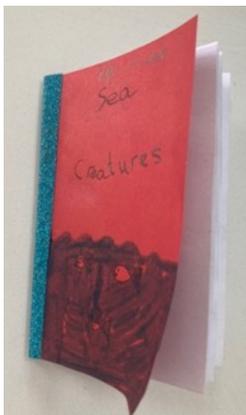
Cađi's ocean.



Joshua's ocean.



This is Jack with his aquarium.



Euan has made a fact book about sea creatures to go with our topic work.

Here he is with his fish tank which he designed and made.



The Bishops' PTA

Dear Parents,
Just a reminder that if you are ordering Stikins for September that the PTA can receive a percentage donation no extra cost to use, please input the school code at checkout.

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school dads a
'Happy Fathers'
Day!



Looking Ahead

Monday 22nd June—return to school for years 2, 3, 4 and 5 for 2 hours a week
Week beginning **Monday 6th July**—transition week

Community News/Notices

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